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# UKRAINE

PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS IN ARMED CONFLICT • FEBRUARY 2026 UPDATE

# SUMMARY



Conflict-related violence **in February 2026 killed at least 188 people and injured 757**. Total casualties were similar to January 2026, but 31 per cent higher than in February 2025 (130 killed; 592 injured) and 83 per cent higher than in February 2024 (156 killed; 360 injured).



**Attacks with long-range weapons** (missiles and drones) caused about 36 per cent of all civilian casualties (60 killed; 276 injured), most of them in cities and towns far from the frontline.



Near the frontline, **short-range drone attacks** remained the primary cause of civilian casualties (52 killed; 222 injured). Aerial bombs caused **47 per cent more casualties** in February (40 killed; 107 injured) compared with January (17 killed; 83 injured).



The vast majority of civilian casualties (**97 per cent<sup>1</sup>**) occurred in areas under the control of the Government of Ukraine. Civilians were killed or injured across **15 regions** of Ukraine and the city of Kyiv.



Repeated attacks by Russian armed forces on Ukraine's energy infrastructure, including **6 combined large-scale coordinated strikes**, continued to cause extensive disruptions to electricity, heating, and water across the country. At least 10 individual strikes targeted combined heating and power plants (CHPPs) responsible for residential heating, as temperatures remained well below freezing.

## CIVILIAN CASUALTIES FEBRUARY 2026<sup>2</sup>

**945**

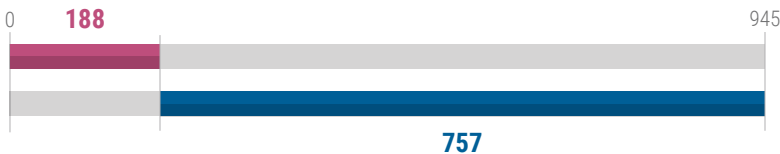
total civilian casualties



killed



injured



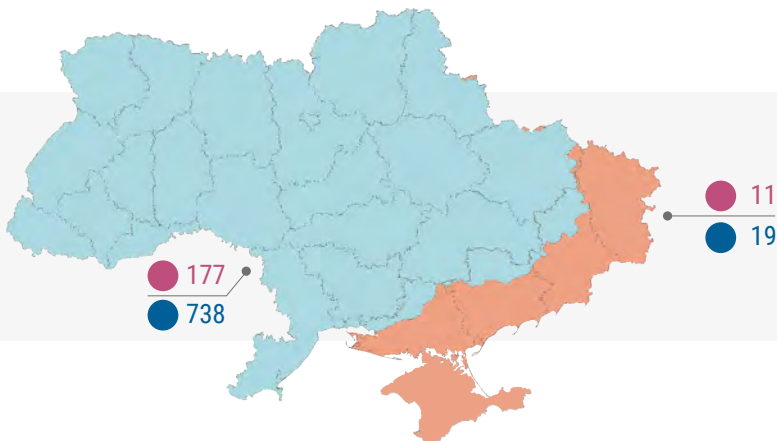
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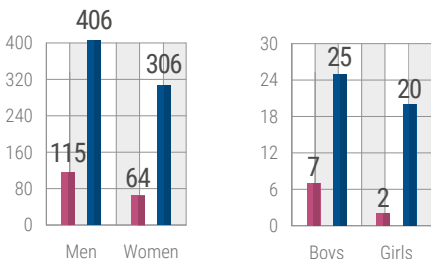
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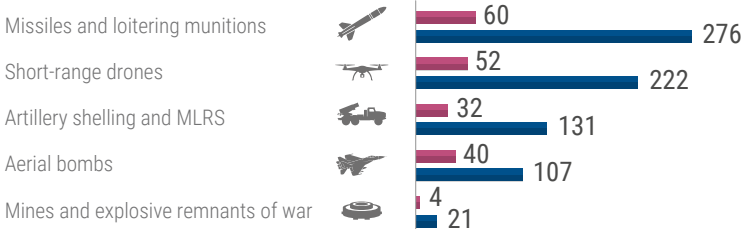
occupied by the Russian Federation



### 2. BY AGE AND SEX



### 3. BY TYPE OF WEAPON/INCIDENT



# CIVILIAN CASUALTIES: REPRESENTATIVE INCIDENTS

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***"I saw the bodies of my neighbors. It was unbearably painful to realize that this attack killed a family who, just yesterday, were living, working, and enjoying life."***

—A man in Bohodukhiv, Kharkiv region, describing the attack on 9 February that killed his neighbours, including a 10-year-old boy.

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On 1 February, loitering munitions attacked a bus transporting coal mine workers from their shift in Ternivka, Dnipropetrovsk region. At least 12 civilians (11 men and 1 woman), including 9 coal mine workers, were killed and 16 injured (14 men and 2 women).



On 4 February, multiple rockets struck a market in Druzhkivka, Donetsk region, killing 7 civilians (5 men and 2 women) and injuring 16 (10 men and 6 women).



On 10 February, an attack with aerial glide bombs in Sloviansk, Donetsk region killed 4 civilians (2 men, 1 woman, and 1 girl) and injured 14 (7 men, 6 women, and 1 girl).



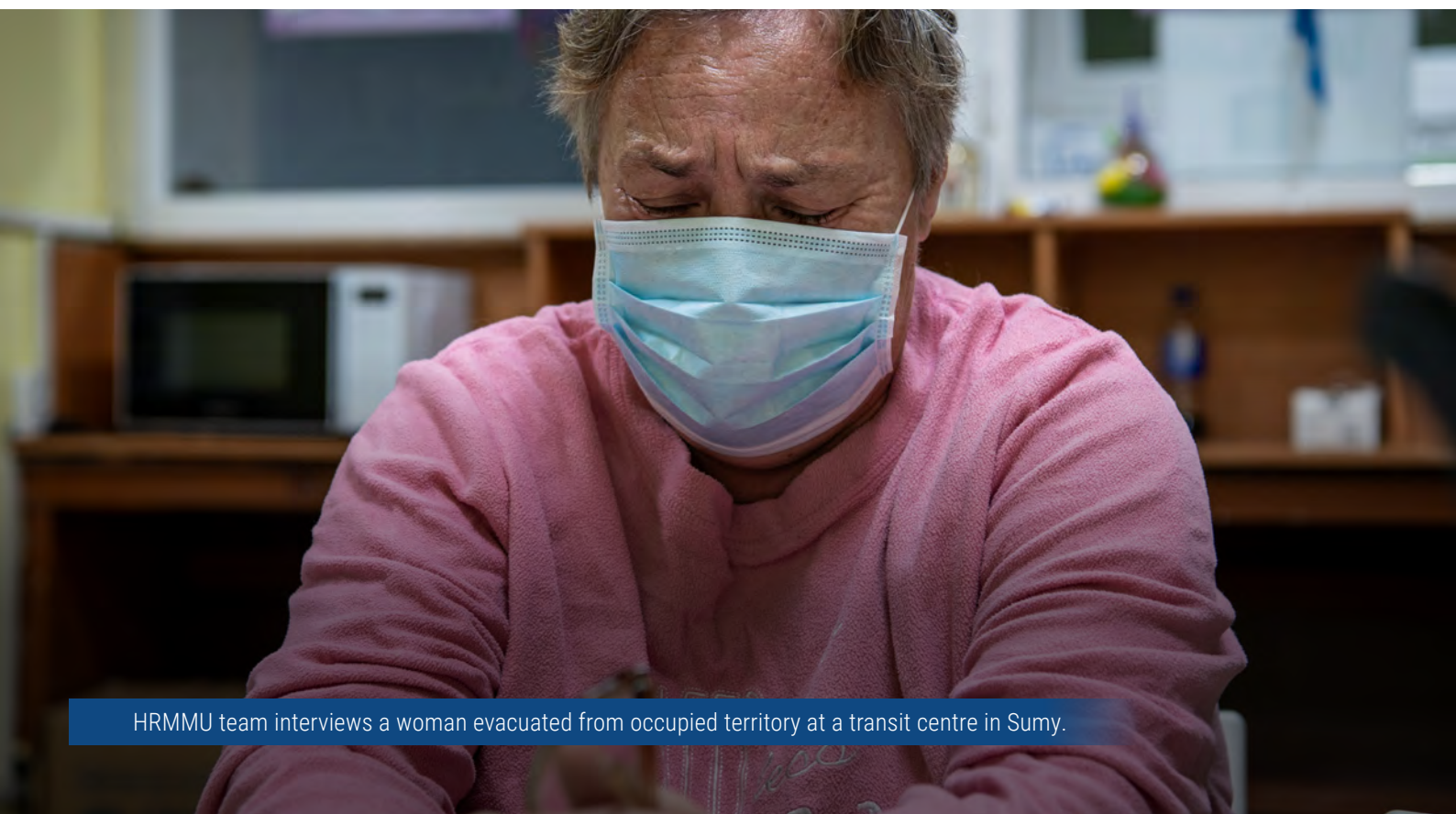
In Bohodukhiv, Kharkiv region, attacks with loitering munitions killed children on two consecutive days . On 9 February, a loitering munition struck a private home killing a 10-year-old boy and his mother and injuring her 22-year-old son. A day later, on 10 February, a loitering munition struck and destroyed another house, killing three 1-year-old children (2 boys and 1 girl) and their father, and injuring the children's pregnant mother.



Daily attacks with powerful artillery systems and short-range drones on Kherson City killed at least 5 civilians (4 men and 1 woman) and injured 111 (58 women, 52 men, and 1 boy).

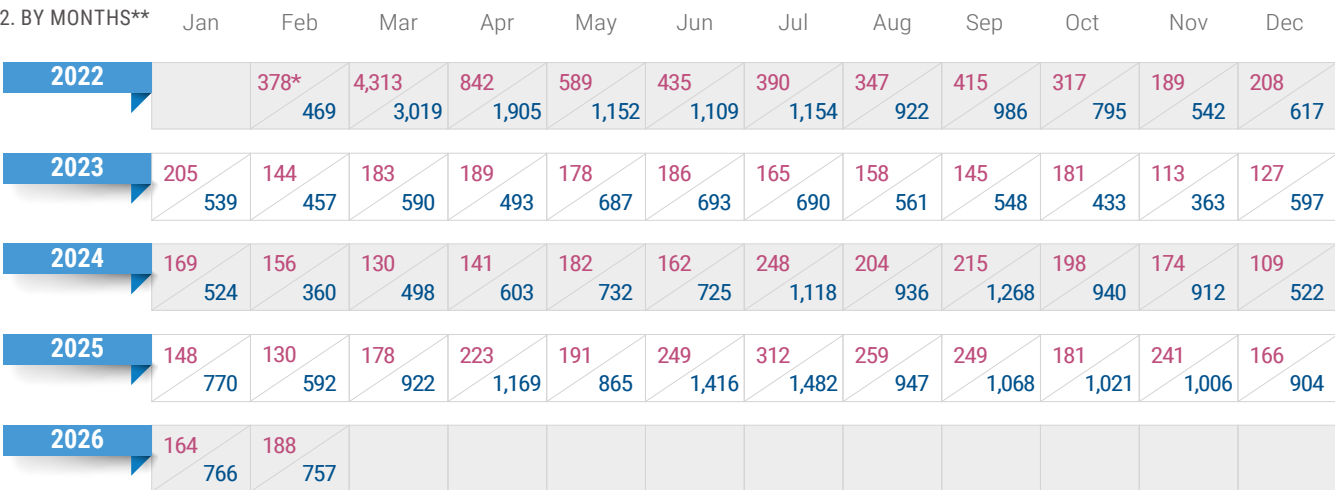
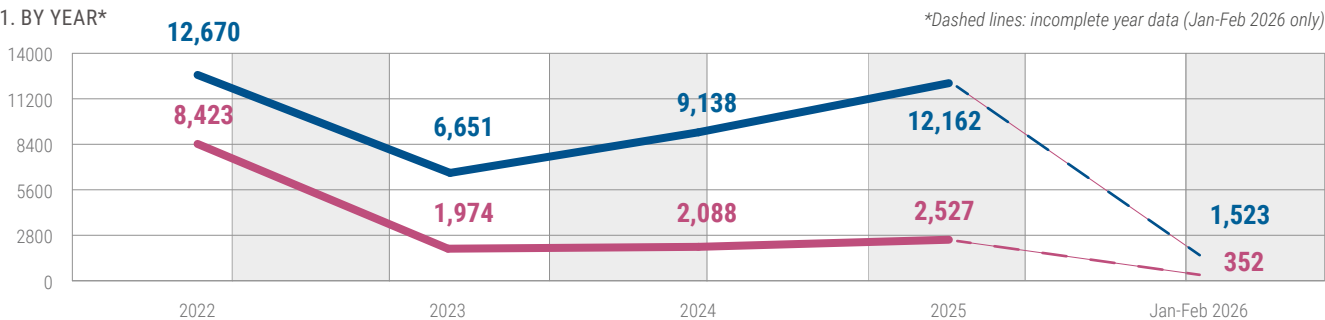
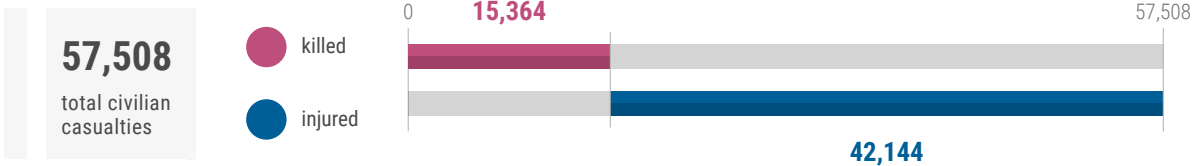


Multiple attacks on Zaporizhzhia City, including one that damaged a maternity hospital, killed 4 civilians (2 men and 2 women) and injured 50 (22 women, 19 men, 5 boys, and 4 girls).



HRMMU team interviews a woman evacuated from occupied territory at a transit centre in Sumy.

# CIVILIAN CASUALTIES SINCE 24 FEBRUARY 2022

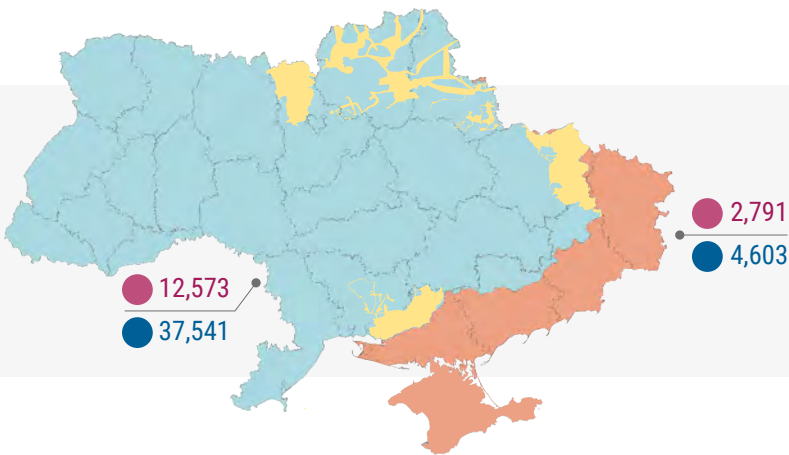


\*\*The data on killed and injured civilians in this update is presented for the period since 24 February 2022.

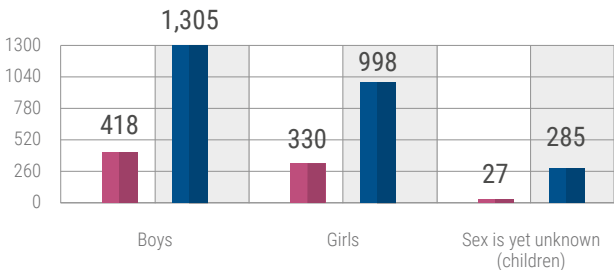
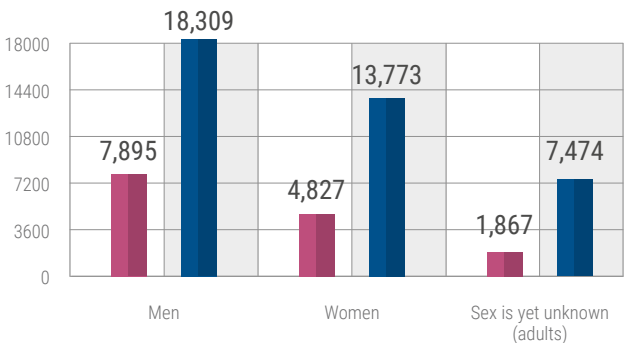
## 3. BY TERRITORY WHERE THEY OCCURRED\*\*\*

- controlled by the Government
- occupied by the Russian Federation
- areas over which Ukraine has regained control since 24 February 2022

\*\*\*Civilian casualty data on this map is presented by territory of control at the time of death or injury. Control of these areas may have changed since the incident occurred.



## 4. BY AGE AND SEX





# THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORING MISSION IN UKRAINE

HRMMU collects information about civilian harm from conflict-related violence from a wide range of sources, including through interviews with victims, their relatives, and witnesses; open-source information, including photo and video material; forensic records and reports; criminal investigation materials; court documents; reports by international and national non-governmental organisations; public reports by law enforcement and military actors; data from medical facilities and local authorities.

All sources and information are assessed for their relevance and credibility and cross-checked against other information. In some instances, corroboration takes time. This means that as more information becomes available, conclusions on civilian casualties may be revised and numbers may change.

Statistics presented in the current update are based on individual records of civilian harm where the “reasonable grounds to believe” standard of proof was met, namely where, based on a body of verified information, an ordinarily prudent observer would have reasonable grounds to believe that the harm took place as described. HRMMU refers to information that meets this criterion as “verified.” When HRMMU has not yet verified a casualty or reported an individual case of death or injury, it does not necessarily mean that HRMMU has established the individual as an active member of an armed group or as someone who directly participated in hostilities. In many cases, the non-designation of an individual as a civilian reflects a lack of information, rather than a confirmation the individual’s status as a combatant.

The actual extent of civilian harm – both casualties and infrastructure damage – is likely considerably higher as many reports of civilian harm, particularly from the period immediately after the full-scale armed attack of 24 February 2022, have not been possible to verify due to the large number of reports and the lack of access to relevant areas. The number of civilian casualties is likely particularly undercounted in cities such as Mariupol (Donetsk region), Lysychansk, Popasna, and Sievierodonetsk (Luhansk region), where there was protracted intensive fighting at the start of the armed attack in 2022.

1. 915 civilian casualties in territory controlled by Ukraine and 30 in territory occupied by the Russian Federation.
2. The actual number might be higher as some reports are still pending confirmation.
3. In comparison with the previous update, an increase in total figures in this update is not only due to casualties that occurred in the reporting period, but also to the corroboration by HRMMU of cases that occurred before the reporting period.